

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office action mailed August 1, 2005 is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103(a)

The examiner rejected claim 22 as obvious under 35 USC 103(a) in light of Foreign Document DE 19609771 combined with Fonda (US Patent 1,584,086). That rejection is traversed. Nevertheless, applicant has amended claim 22 to recite a spring to retract the cutting tool, a restraint to prevent the spring from retracting the cutting tool, and a release mechanism to release the restraint when the dangerous condition is detected. The release mechanism "is triggerable upon detection of the dangerous condition by the detection system." DE 19609771 does not disclose a spring, a restraint or a release mechanism as recited. Fonda discloses an arm 51 with a pedal portion 52, and even if those elements were considered to be a restraint, Fonda still does not disclose a release mechanism triggerable upon detection of the dangerous condition by the detection system.

New Claim

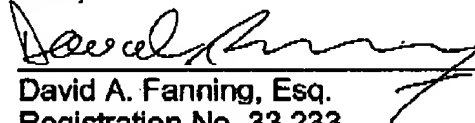
Applicant has added new claim 42.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 19-21 and 24 are allowable and that claim 23 includes allowable subject matter.

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